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1. THE SHIROMANDI GURDWARA COMMITTEE IN AMRITSAR IS BACK ON THE SUBJECT OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS PROFESSING THE SIKH RELIGION IN THE US ARMED FORCES. EMBASSY RECEIVED CABLE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. REPORTS RECEIVED GOVT OF USA TERMINATED SERVICES OF SARDAR JOTSINGH OF AMERICAN ARMY WHO ADOPTED SIKH RELIGION RECENTLY. GOVT OF USA HAS SHOWN DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS SIKH RELIGION. THIS ACT OF DISCRIMINATION HAS ENRAGED SIKH COMMUNITY. KINDLY INTERVENE TO REINSTATE SARDAR JOTSINGH. UNQUOTE.

2. ON THE BASIS OF OUR LAST EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SUBJECT, WE WILL CONTINUE TO HEAR AT INTERVALS ON THE PROBLEM. AS A RESULT OF THE EMERGENCY, HOWEVER, WE DOUBT WE WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH THREATS OF DEMONSTRATIONS AS IN LATE 1973 AND EARLY 1974. IF THERE ARE ANY DEVELOPMENTS ON THE DOD SIDE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING OF THEM. SAXBE

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